

Industry Trade Association Policy

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1. Trade associations are encouraged to officially join MTS Consensus Committees through one or more of their Members. In this manner, trade associations can be official voting members.

This Policy is only in effect for MTS Standards that are not submitted for approval as ANSI Standards, and this decision will be made by MTS at the organizational meeting for each standards' activity.

In this manner, they may also participate in all Official MTS votes including Ballot votes. Such trade association Members are lawfully empowered to represent their trade association.

Where a trade association Member or more than one Member accepts this role, it may cast one vote for the trade association and one vote for the Company, yet it need only pay dues at the single Member rate.

Any trade association Member Company may individually join MTS as an official MTS Committee Member.

2. All MTS Consensus Committees are required to be balanced among users, producers and general interest Members, and Membership is by organization, and producers may not dominate the Committee.

3. Written comments from trade associations who elect not to participate in the manner defined in section 1 above, will be considered and responded to, and they may send in official Ballot votes, and if the vote is negative it will be resolved along with any other negative vote. However, such votes not from an official trade association Member pursuant to section 1 above, will not count in the Committee or Member and Interested Party Ballot Vote as to whether the Vote is approved or a successful Ballot vote, and any participation in Meetings, hearings, inquiries, and appeals must be in compliance with sections 1 & 2 above.